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**CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND STATS**

The Connecticut State Police participated in the National C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) program over the Memorial Day Weekend. During this Memorial Day Holiday Weekend Connecticut State Troopers patrolled Connecticut's roads using traditional patrol cars and unmarked non-traditional police vehicles. Troopers made several arrests over the holiday. The Memorial Day Weekend count began at midnight on May 28th and ran through midnight May 31st.

TOTAL ARRESTS MADE

	2004	2003	2002
Drunk Driving =	81	52	101
Seat Belt=	1188	406	841
Speeding=	2085	468	1900
Other Charges=	867	363	788

2004 Memorial Day Weekend Accidents= 363 w/injury 69, no injury 293, Fatal 01

2003 Memorial Day Weekend Accidents =367 w/injury 67, no injury 299, Fatals 01

2002 Memorial Day Weekend Accidents=311 w/injury 43, no injury 267, Fatals 01

Inclement weather existed in 2003 reduced the traffic volumne on Connecticut roads.

The State Police holiday operation remained in effect throughout the Holiday weekend. The program was not solely to issue tickets, but to remind motorists, as we begin the summer season, to use good highway safety sense and keep our highways accident free.

The Connecticut State Police also asked all motorists to join the State Police team throughout the summer months. All motorists were asked to exercise caution on the roads and report any suspected drunk driver by calling 911 this is a true emergency.

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